

THINK COLLEGE



COLLEGE?

Why should I go to college?

How will I pay for college?

What can I do to get ready?



WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

**The more education you have,
the more likely you are to:**

- ★ **Be healthier**
- ★ **Live longer**
- ★ **Enjoy your job**
- ★ **Stay employed**

✓ Unemployment rates are much lower for college graduates than for high school-only graduates.

MONEY TALKS

Higher levels of education lead to higher earnings.

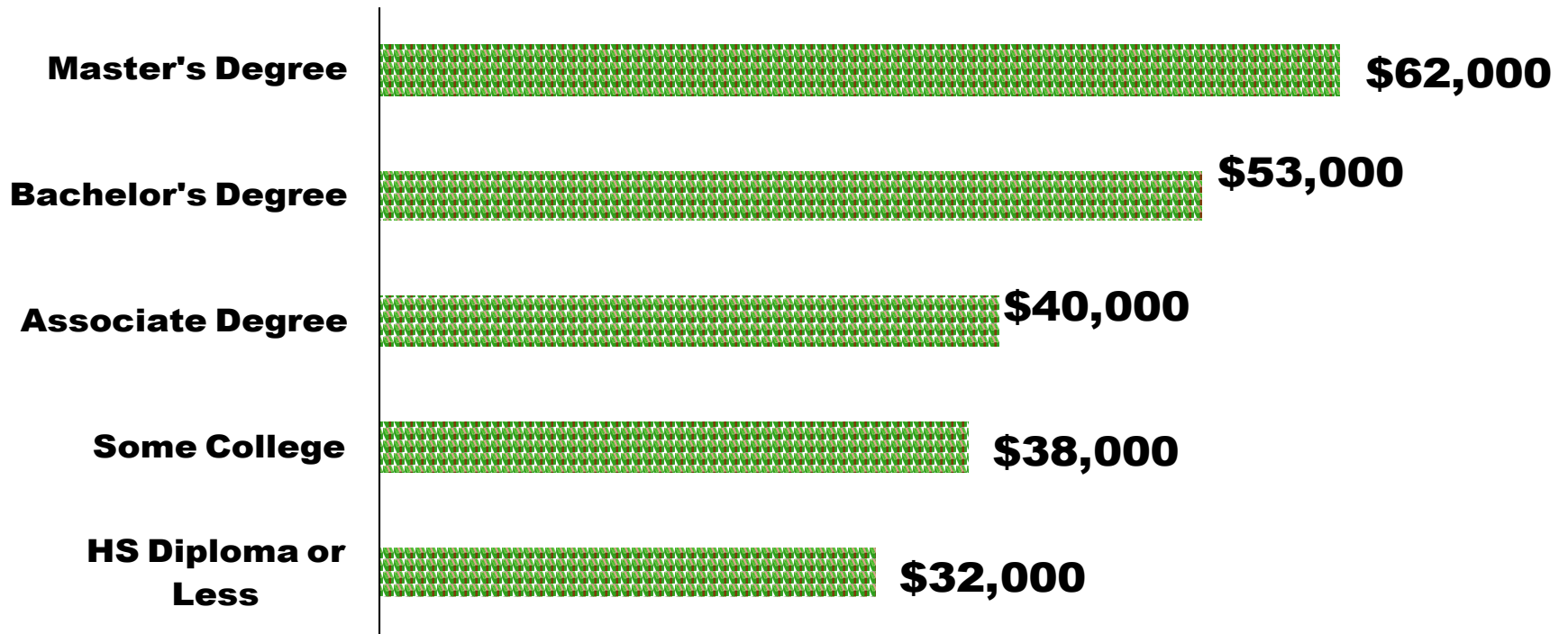
- ☆ Full-time workers with four-year college degrees typically earn 60% more than those with only high school diplomas.
- ☆ People with master's degrees can earn almost twice as much per year as high school graduates.
- ☆ People with professional degrees earn about three times as much as high school graduates earn over their working lives.



The College Board, *Education Pays* 2007

LEARN TO EARN

Earnings for year-round, full-time workers age 25 and over



Source: 2008 Washington State Population Survey. HECB analysis of data downloaded on 11/21/08 from <http://www.ofm.wa.gov/sps/default.asp>

EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

With hard work and planning, it is possible to earn a living doing *exactly what you love!*

Someone has to
create video games
design roller coasters
become the president ...

Why not you?

HOW TO START PLANNING

Good choices now will help you do well in high school and be ready for college.

- ☆ **Start thinking about your future today.**
- ☆ **Learn about careers that sound interesting and pay well.**
- ☆ **Get set to succeed in college.**



WHO ARE YOU?

WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS?

**Find out more about jobs and careers
by doing some fun & easy homework.**

Check out these websites:

www.bls.gov/OCO

www.collegegrad.com/careers



DO WHAT YOU LOVE

Think about...

★ **Your Interests**

What are your hobbies?

★ **Your Abilities**

What are your talents?

★ **Your Values and Priorities**

What is important to you?

★ **Your Academic Goals**

What do you want to learn?

How long do you want to be in school?

What do you want to achieve?



TAKE AN INTEREST SURVEY

Not sure what you want to do?

Research potential careers at:

- princetonreview.com/careers-after-college.aspx
- mappingyourfuture.org/planyourcareer/careership/
- collegeboard.com/student/csearch/majors_careers/index.html
- careervoyages.gov/careercompass-main.cfm



DEGREES OF SUCCESS

Think about your life and what you want to be in ten years.

Will you be a doctor? A mechanic? A teacher?

What type of education will get you there?

You don't have to settle on a specific job or a narrow career path right away. The following slides may help you start thinking about how much college you'll need for some of the most common career choices...

but the choice is yours!

Technical, Certificate or Associate Degree Programs



How do I get in?

High school diploma or GED
Some people earn a certificate
in addition to, or instead of,
a college degree

How long will it take?

Usually 6 months to 2 years

What kind of job can I
get?

Nurse
Chef
Fashion Designer
Fire Fighter
Game Designer
Childcare Provider
Carpenter
Truck Driver
Welder
Hair Stylist

Where can I go?

A community or technical college
or a private career school –
see: www.checkoutacollege.com

Bachelor's Degrees

How do I get in?

**Earn high school diploma
Meet college admission
requirements
-OR-
Transfer with credits from
community college or an
associate degree**

How long will it take?

4 to 6 years

**What kind of job
can I get?**

**Registered Nurse(RN)
Architect
Forensic Anthropologist (CSI)
Teacher
Fashion Merchandiser
Computer Programmer**

Where can I go?

**A public or private college or
university that offers
baccalaureate degrees – see a
list of schools in Washington at:
[www.hecb.wa.gov/links/colleges/
collegesindex.asp](http://www.hecb.wa.gov/links/colleges/collegesindex.asp)**



Graduate & Professional Degrees

How do I get in?	Earn a four-year degree Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BS)
What degree will I earn?	Master of Business Administration (MBA) Juris Doctorate (Lawyer/Judge) Medical Doctor (MD)
How long will it take?	1 to 7 years or more
What kind of job can I get?	Pediatrician Veterinarian Lawyer Astronaut CEO
Where can I go?	Advanced degree programs are offered at many universities in this country and abroad



HOW DO YOU GET THERE?

Take challenging classes every year.

HIGH SCHOOL COURSES:	Washington HS graduation requirements	Current minimum requirements for Washington's public 4-year colleges	2012-13 school year and beyond - minimum requirements for WA public 4-year colleges
ENGLISH	3 credits	4 credits	4 credits
MATHEMATICS	2 credits	3 credits	3 credits (including Algebra II and one math in sr. year of high school)
SOCIAL SCIENCES (History, Geography, etc.)	2.5 credits	3 credits	3-4 credits
SCIENCE (One must be a lab class)	2 credits	2+ credits	2 credits (both lab sciences, with one being algebra based – effective 2010)
WORLD LANGUAGES		2 credits of same language	2 credits of same language
ARTS (VISUAL OR PERFORMING)	1 credit	1 credit	2-3 credits



START IN HIGH SCHOOL

Ways to earn college credit while in high school:

- ☆ **Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB)** - offered at many high schools.
- ☆ **Running Start** - allows you to take college courses and meet your high school requirements at the same time.
- ☆ **Tech Prep** - allows you to begin to train for a selected career, starting in 11th grade. You'll receive high school and college credit.



PAYING FOR COLLEGE

Okay, now you've heard that continuing your education is the best way to achieve your career goals.

But, you've also heard that college is expensive.

So, how are you going to pay for it?



FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid helps you pay for college.

☆ **Student financial aid is usually a combination or “package” of different types of aid, including:**

- **Gift aid**
- **Earned money**
- **Borrowed money**

☆ **Aid is available from:**

- **The federal government**
- **The state of Washington**
- **Your college or university**
- **Business and civic organizations**

 Washington is one of the top states for financial aid funding.

“GIFT” MONEY

Grants & Scholarships

Money for courses that you don't have to pay back.

GRANTS can be:

- **Need-based**
- **Federally funded**
- **State funded**
- **School funded**

SCHOLARSHIPS are:

- **Merit-based - based on:**
 - **Academic achievement**
 - **Specific skill or talent**
 - **Community service**
 - **Club, organization, or other affiliation**
- **Need-based**



EARNED MONEY

Work Study

Money earned by working while you're in college.



☆ **Federal Work Study (FWS)**

- **Jobs typically on the college campus; generally pay minimum wage**

☆ **State Work Study (SWS)**

- **Often career-related jobs both on and off-campus; usually paid above minimum wage**

BORROWED MONEY

Loans

Must be repaid when you are no longer in school.

There are different types of loans available to students:

- ☆ **No interest**
- ☆ **Low-interest**
- ☆ **Parent Loan**

You'll learn more about these when you get to college.



WHAT DOES IT PAY FOR?

Financial aid can pay for many things while you're attending college.

Some types of aid will pay for:

- ☆ **Tuition & Fees**
- ☆ **Books & Supplies**
- ☆ **Room & Board (includes food)**
- ☆ **Transportation**
- ☆ **Personal Expenses**



WHAT IS THE College Bound Scholarship?



**The College Bound Scholarship
is an Opportunity Pathway.**

- ★ **It offers the promise of paying for tuition and books to qualifying 7th and 8th graders in Washington.**



WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

This scholarship covers the amount of tuition (at public college rates) that is not covered by other state financial aid, plus \$500 for books!

You can attend Washington:

- ☆ **Public and Private Colleges and Universities**
- ☆ **Community Colleges**
- ☆ **Vocational Technical Schools**



HOW DO I SIGN UP?

It's easy!

- 1 - Check to see if you are eligible.**
- 2 - Complete and sign the application and pledge form while you are in 7th or 8th grade.**

The online application is available on our website:

hecb.wa.gov/collegebound



AND THEN?



You pledge to:

- ★ **Graduate from high school with a cumulative 2.0 GPA or higher.**
- ★ **Be a good citizen and stay crime free.**
- ★ **Apply for college and submit a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) during your senior year.**



SO, ARE YOU COLLEGE BOUND?

More information is available online at:

www.hecb.wa.gov/paying

www.hecb.wa.gov/collegebound

www.gearup.wa.gov

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